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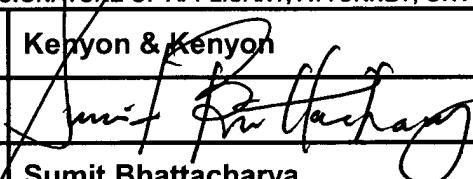
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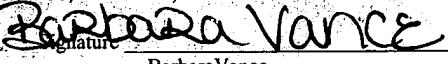
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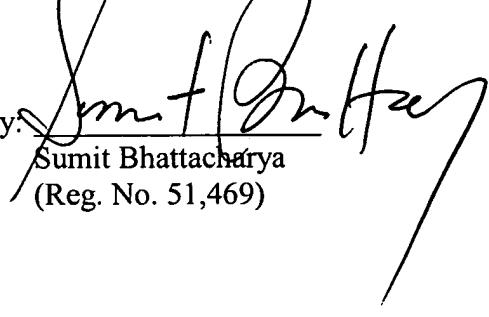
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The enclosed Amendment and Response to the Office dated October 19, 2004 is being submitted in lieu of the Amendment filed on December 17, 2004.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**.

Respectfully submitted,  
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